

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the following Abstract on page 13 of the original disclosure:

Embroidery machines have previously not been well adapted to embroider billed caps such as baseball caps. A bill hook is secured or hooked on the distal end of the bill. The hook is supported by a base support, which is mounted to the hat hoop base frame. The bill is flexed away from the head portion of the cap, thereby providing room for the embroidery machine to access the area immediate adjacent to the bill that is embroidered. By flexing the bill away [[form]] from the head portion of the cap and attaching it to the hat hoop base frame, which moves with the cap as it is moved in the embroidery machine, the bill is much less likely to become jarred lose from the hat hoop base frame during the embroidery process. This reduces registration errors and with it the scrap rate of caps.